



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019

Hispanic / Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code):

The purpose of the board, as stated in the bylaws, is to advise the City Council on issues relating to the quality of life for the City's Hispanic/Latino community and to recommend programs and policies designed to alleviate any inequities that may confront Hispanics and Latinos in social, economic, and vocational pursuits including education, youth services, housing and community development, cultural arts, economic development, health, civic engagement and transportation.

- 1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**

The Commission received staff briefings and provided feedback from various departments on issues including the Minority Business Enterprises (MBE)/Women Business Enterprises (WBE), Corridor Mobility Program Outreach Plan, Office of Police Oversight, and Neighborhood Housing & Community Development (NCHD)'s five-year Consolidated Plan. We also made inquiries on the status of funding allocations made based on the Commission's FY19 recommendations, including Art Space Assistance Program (renamed Creative Space Assistance Program). The total budget for this program is approximately \$750K.

Members of the Commission provided representation in regular meetings regarding the in Artist Access Program, Latino Artist & Residency Program, and Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC). Commissioners Maria Solis and then-Vice-Chair Carmen Llanes Pulido

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participated in the JIC retreat and contributed to the co-design of commission budget sessions in the spring to make early recommendations on the base budget.

Then-Vice-Chair Llanes Pulido and Commissioner Amanda Afifi also represented the Commission in the group Quality of Life Commission / Equity Budgeting Sessions and meetings, contributing to joint recommendations made (including an official recommendation that the City Manager direct departments to begin collecting and analysing demographic data to support the implementation of annual equity action plans, benchmarking their progress on equity-self-assessments

The Commission held our own, well-attended community budget engagement session on March 23rd at the Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center. Robert's Rules of Order were waived and a community conversation was held leading to several formal budget recommendations.

In April 2019, the Commission made the following FY2020 budget recommendations, related to the issue areas in the H/LQoL Initiative:

- \$120,000 towards STEAM and digital media programming for young Latinas
- \$7,000 After school STEM and photography programming for youth of color at the Carver Library
- \$100,000 for the “Viva la Vida” festival and parade over the course of the next four years (\$25,000 per year)
- \$210,000 to support a sobering center’s efforts in substance use intervention, particularly for Latinos
- \$250,000 for free sickle cell trait testing and multilingual education about Sickle Cell Disease
- \$200,000 De-escalation and wellness training for seasoned police officers five or more years in the industry.
- \$200,000 toward immigrant legal services for low-income Austinites impacted by recent immigration enforcement
- A re-allocation of resources to increase the Quality of Life Minigrant fund to \$250,000
- Adequate cross-departmental funding to fulfill the City of Austin’s Resilient Dove Springs climate resilience commitment from the Office of Sustainability, Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works Department, Watershed Department and others
- \$115,000 in recurring funds to ensure adequate lighting in District 2 parks

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2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

None of the boards actions throughout the year fell outside of the scope of our mission statement.

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

The Commission is interested in setting goals and objectives that ensure:

- A transparent, meaningful and equitable process to exert influence over the general budget and additional city budget allocations
- The co-creation of more equitable policies, developed alongside fellow Quality of Life Commissions and Joint Inclusion Committee representatives
- Official designation of an executive staff liaison—The Commission has been without an executive staff liaison since the departure of Ray Baray. This raises concerns with respect to ensuring efficient and official communications directly to the City Manager regarding the Commission's recommendations and requests.